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Now that the rush of the Holidays has passed give some thought to your own wardrobe. If you require a Suit, an Overcoat or trousers, take advantage of our markdown bargains and low tariff prices. This means closing out quite a large quantity of goods at about one-fourth less than their real value. Also a complete line of men's furnishing goods for less than cost. Look them over.

P. J. BOLAND.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ZOLA TRIAL TODAY.

Witnesses to be Compelled to Appear. Sentiment Against the Novelist This Morning.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Rochefort was cheered as he entered court this morning for the second day of the Zola trial, but Zola was not noticed. The presiding judge read a letter from Esterhazy, refusing to testify. Zola's counsel then insisted that he be brought to court by force.

The court admitted the claims of the defense and decided that Gen. Mercier, the former minister of war, and Major Paty Du Clam should be summoned and that witnesses alleged to be visited by the doctor, if well, be ressumoned. Madame Dreyfus was the first witness today.

The first day of the trial brought scanty progress. In the audience were several notabilities and many ladies, especially actresses, most of whom were provided with sandwiches and bottles of wine. Madame Zola was almost crushed out of sight in a back corner. Madame Severine, the authoress and Mr. Zola's devoted champion, was also there. When Mr. Zola entered everybody was on tiptoe to get a glimpse of him, and there was some disorder pending the arrival of the judge.

Scarcely was he seated when a bundle of telegrams was handed to Zola, all addressed "Zola, Court of Assizes, Paris," and other telegrams poured in during the proceedings, altogether over 400, from all parts of the world, offering sympathy and congratulations. One from Belgium bore the signatures of 1000 legal and literary celebrities; another, signed by a group of Roman Catholic priests, said: "Live Justice."

After reading the names of the witnesses summoned, Judge Deleogreue read a number of letters of excuse, including a letter from the minister of justice, announcing that the minister for war, General Billot, had not received the authority of the cabinet to testify. He also read a letter from ex-President Casimir-Perier saying he could not testify except as to facts subsequent to his presidency.

Colonel Paty du Clam was called, but he refused to testify. Attorney Laborie urged the importance of his testimony, adding, that unless the court ordered

he would not testify, he might be compelled to attend an adjournment until the next session. Counsel also said he was not prepared to oppose a secret trial if it was absolutely necessary. But continued Mr. Laborie, the allegation that the matter they were discussing was connected with state secrets and the national defense was a mere joke.

The advocate general thereupon protested against the national defense being called a joke, to which Mr. Laborie hotly replied that he would permit no one, not even the advocate general, to cast suspicion upon his patriotism. The court ordered a short adjournment in order to allow Laborie to draft his argument. On the resumption of the hearing Mr. Laborie made a speech demanding that the witness be ordered to testify. He also deposited with the court written applications requesting the court to order the subpoenaed witnesses to appear. Regarding Colonel Clam, the application charges him with illegal acts in the Dreyfus and Esterhazy affairs, claiming that if these acts were proved in court the good faith of the accused would be demonstrated. Mr. Laborie vehemently protested against the absence of the subpoenaed witnesses and, referring to the non-appearance of General Mercier, he said: "When he was minister of war, he submitted to the judges of Dreyfus, behind the back of the prisoner and his counsel, a secret document which, however, he said was unimportant. If this document, as he declared, was unimportant, then the incident is ended and there is no further need for General Mercier's testimony; while, if the alleged secret document did not exist, let General Mercier come and tell the court so, and our side will be well satisfied."

This attempt to drag the former minister of war into the witness stand caused much commotion in court, which was increased when, of several members of the Dreyfus court-martial refusing to testify, Mr. Zola rose in the dock and indignantly cried: "We must know if these persons are acting under the orders of the minister of war, or on their own volition."

TRUE SOLUTION.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright Would Solve the Labor Problem.
Lynn, Mass., Feb. 8.—An interesting address was made last night by Carroll D. Wright on the labor problem. He said that there should be at once a res-



CARROLL D. WRIGHT.

toration of confidence between employer and employee; and if this can be done the situation will not be so harsh. The speaker condemned the feeling which sometimes prevails, of contentment with one's situation, and said that such means standing still and reaction. The true solution of the labor problem lies in the practical study of the new testament, out of which comes a new political economy, which should be the care and culture of man.

Strike in Taunton.
Taunton, Mass., Feb. 8.—By the strike of 31 loomfixers a total of 1100 operatives were obliged to stop work yesterday, and the closing of the mills apparently is for an indefinite period. Some of the operatives who did not leave work on their own accord claim they are practically locked out. Superintendent Lovering says the gates will remain closed until the operatives accept the reduction, or the times improve sufficiently to enable him to pay the old wages. The direct cause of the shutdown, he says, is the 10 percent reduction in the Ameskeag corporation, Manchester, N. H., which compete with the Whittenton on some lines of goods.

Gompers Gives Advice.
Bridgeton, Me., Feb. 8.—A great mass meeting of textile operatives was held in the City Opera House last night, when President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor made his first address upon the textile troubles. His remarks were full of vigor, as he advised the striking operatives to fight on until next summer if necessary. He said that they were sure of winning if they hung together and were true to the principle which they were fighting.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Boats are crowding north to Dyea, Skagway and Wrangell crowded with Klondikers.
The works of the Bradley Twine and Cordage company in Dayton, O., were almost destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$75,000.
Frank Wright of Enfield, N. H., aged 18 years, is dead from the effects of gunshot wounds supposed to have been self-inflicted after a heated dispute with his father.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOR FREE CUBA.

Senate Resolution Today Gives Spain One Month. Labor Problems in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Cannon today offered a resolution to the effect that if Spain did not recognize independence of the republic of Cuba before March 4, this year, the United States would on that day recognize her belligerency and within 90 days would assert Cuba's independence. Senator Mason also presented a resolution that the president be instructed to notify Spain that the war in Cuba must cease and that the United States will maintain peace on the island. The resolutions created much excitement.

Constitutional Amendment For Labor Hours.

Washington, Feb. 8.—It is freely admitted here, even by southern members, that Congressman Lovering's proposition to amend the constitution so as to give congress the power to regulate the hours of labor in the states, stands a larger chance of adoption than most proposals of the kind. If the labor

union element of the country comes aroused on this subject, as it is quite easy to see how it might, it would be entirely possible to secure a two-thirds vote in both houses of congress. That, at least, is the prevailing opinion here.

The contest would then come in getting a majority in the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, but as there is an aggressive labor organization with considerable power in every part of the country, it is entirely within the reach of possibility that the amendment would go through as the first addition made to the constitution of the United States, except as a war measure, for nearly a century.

Mr. Lovering does not claim to be the originator of the idea. At least three other Massachusetts congressmen have introduced the same kind of a measure. Mr. Barrett in the last congress, Mr. Gillett the congress before, and Mr. Davis a decade or so ago. This does not encourage the view that the amendment will be immediately adopted.

IRISH HOME RULE.

Queen Says It Will Be Attempted.

London, Feb. 8.—The fourth session of the fourteenth parliament of Queen Victoria and the 25th of the United Kingdom was opened this morning with the customary ceremonies. The queen's speech from the throne made the usual announcements of friendly relations with other powers, and reviewed the operations of the nation. The queen said that measures will be introduced for an original system of local government in Ireland, substantially similar to that of Great Britain, and to increase the strength of the army and navy.

G. A. R. Encampment.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Tremont Temple was filled today with Grand Army men, assembled for the 32d annual state encamp-

ment. The reports showed 22,000 members in the state. There was nothing but routine business of organization this morning, but a general air of excitement told what may be expected when the question of the "house of lords" comes up in connection with the election.

Funeral of Firemen.

Boston, Feb. 8.—The funeral of District Chief J. F. Egan, who was killed at a fire Saturday, was held from his home this morning. An immense crowd was present. The chief's faithful horse followed the hearse, with draped carriage and without driver. The funeral of the other five firemen killed were also held today.

China Doesn't Want Money.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—According to trustworthy intelligence obtained here today China has finally abandoned the idea of raising a loan in London or elsewhere.

DISCUSS PROSPERITY.

A Prolific Subject For Debate In the House.

Members Unable to Take the Same View.

How Millions Were Driven to Foreign Investment.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In the house yesterday Mr. Greene (Pop., Neb.) made some observations on the much mooted subject of returning prosperity. He read a dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., giving an account of the alleged tearing down of McKinley's picture by workmen. "Gentlemen might cry 'Prosperity, Prosperity,'" said he, "but there is no prosperity."

"And others howl 'Calamity, Calamity,'" cried Mr. Perkins (Rep., Ia.) amid shouts of laughter from the Republicans. Mr. Olmstead (Rep., Pa.), in reply to Mr. Greene, produced clippings from newspapers in all parts of the country showing a great revival of business and trade. He said that the continued agitation of the silver question was the only thing that retarded the full measure of prosperity that would naturally flow from the Dingley law. The threat contained in the Teller resolution had driven \$40,000,000 to investment in foreign securities.

"Do we want a cowardly money that runs away?" asked Mr. Bland (Dem., Mo.).

"Money is always timid," replied Mr. Olmstead. "It goes to places where it is safest and the security is best."

"You don't hear of silver running away," reiterated Mr. Bland.

"No," interposed Mr. Landis (Rep., Ind.); "you don't hear of silver running away from Mexico."

"Mexico is prosperous," shouted a voice on the Democratic side.

Mr. Landis continued: "You don't hear of silver money running away from China."

Mr. Ogden (Dem., La.): "Are you a Chinaman or an American?"
Mr. Miers (Dem., Ind.) and Mr. De Armond (Dem., Mo.) both denounced the action of the house on the Teller bond resolution. The whole purpose of the Republican party in the defeat of that resolution, Mr. DeArmond declared, was to commit the country irrevocably to the gold standard. It had at last thrown off all subtleties and shams, and now had the shameless effrontery to boldly proclaim the robbery which it always had secretly connived at, but never before had the hardihood to avow.

prices prevailing had been charged to blind chance. It was said that the Republican party was the party of good luck. If that were true it followed that there must be a party of bad luck. For himself he preferred to affiliate himself with the party which was identified in the present and the future, with the prosperity and happiness of the people.

See Orono Usually.
Bangor, Me., Feb. 8.—The investigation as to the cause of the railroad wreck on the Maine Central at Orono, on Jan. 29, was begun at the town hall in Orono yesterday by the railroad commissioners. All of the railroad men who were in any way connected with the accident were there to testify as to what they saw and did. Nothing to establish the cause was testified to. Engineer Little said that after he shut the engine off he felt the train twitch behind him and at once applied the brakes. The cars were then going off and the rear trucks of the tender went off the road with the mail car. As soon as he stopped the engine, Little ran back to see to the flagging of the other trains.

Councilmen in Contempt.
Independence, Ky., Feb. 8.—Seven members of the Covington, Ky., council, the city clerk and Attorney Henry Hallam, were held to be in contempt of court by Judge Farvin and placed in the custody of the sheriff with the alternative of purging themselves of contempt, or being committed to jail. The trouble arose over the refusal of the council, on the advice of its attorney, to obey an order by the judge to provide necessary furniture for the courthouse in Covington.

Suing For an Injury.
New York, Feb. 8.—Annie C. George, widow of Henry George, is the plaintiff in an action for damages against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which is on trial in the supreme court of this city. Mrs. George alleges that her foot slipped in a hole in the floor of the company's depot in Philadelphia, March 21, 1894, causing a bad sprain of the ankle and the tearing of the external lateral ligament of her leg, which necessitated the use of crutches for three months. She asks \$5000 damages.

Skating Challenge Accepted.
New York, Feb. 8.—Darle Reynolds, the well known skater, who is now travelling in the west, telegraphed to The Police Gazette in this city from Detroit yesterday, as follows: "Have written Nilson to post forfeit at your office at once, which I will cover immediately, for a series of short distance straightway races for \$200 a side."

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

ALMANAC, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9.
Sun rises—4:42; sets, 5:09.
Moon rises—3:38 p. m.
High water—1.3 p. m.
Clear skies were again the rule in all sections yesterday, and at most points with somewhat higher temperature than on Sunday. In New England it was above the freezing point during the day, except in the more interior parts. On the coast it rose to 38 degrees at Eastport; Portland, 48 degrees; Boston, 44 degrees; Nantucket, 38 degrees. The fair weather promises to continue Wednesday and probably Thursday, with gradually rising temperature and higher southerly winds.

Mondays and Tuesdays

In February are good days to pick up bargains at Cutting Corner, for Saturdays make short lines and odd lots, and should it be an Ulster, Overcoat or Suit want, it can be grandly and cheaply met in both quality and price. Smug, heavy ulsters, perfect weather protectors, for \$4, \$5 and \$6, with better qualities ranging at \$7.50, \$10 and \$12.

The same story in Overcoats and Suits means the gradual dropping into these prices of Coats and Suits that early in the season were sold for double the price. Odd Trousers from broken suits at one-third off are still attractive buying if you can find your size.

---BOYS' DEPARTMENT---

Happenings are numerous and interesting to parents, from a money-saving and good wear-resisting Suit, Reefer and School-Pant standpoint.

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CITY CASH GROCERY,
Corner Main and Marshall. F. E. BENSON, Prop.

AT ADAMS

Attending the Encampments.

The regular meeting of George E. Sayles post, G. A. R., was held Monday evening. No special business was done. Commander F. E. Mole, E. W. Streeter and Darwin R. Field are attending the state encampment at Boston. Mrs. F. C. Sherman, Mrs. W. T. Simmons and Mrs. F. R. Harrington are also in Boston attending the state encampment of the Woman's Relief corps. Mr. Streeter was accompanied by his wife who will also attend the encampment.

Horseless Sleighride.

Miss Cherrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Cook of Summer street, gave her classmates and friends of the Liberty street school a sleighride to North Adams Monday afternoon. There were about 35 children in the party and they went in one of S. A. Follett's large sleighs. It was a horseless ride inasmuch as the sleigh was drawn by a pair of mules owned by Miss Cook's father. Patrick Duggan was driver.

Boys Arrested For Coasting.

Six people were in court Monday morning for coasting on Bellevue avenue Sunday. Numerous complaints were made, and so the police went to the place and found a number of boys and men sliding. They arrested six of them, and all received light fines. There are no streets in town on which coasting is allowed. Last year a petition was sent to the selectmen, and they set aside several places for coasting purposes.

Women of Summer Street Enjoy Ride

About 40 women, most of whom live on Summer street, enjoyed a sleighride to Dalton Monday evening. They went in two of Liverman Wiethauer's sleighs leaving this town about 5 o'clock and arriving at the Irving house about 7.30. A special supper was served for them and they reached home about 1 o'clock this morning. All spent a very pleasant time.

The Date Fixed.

The date has been fixed for the illustrated lecture to be given at St. Mark's parish house by Prof. Sedgwick of Williams college. It is Tuesday evening, February 15. He will speak on "How the Other Half Lives, or Flat Life in New York City." The lecture will be illustrated by stereoscopic views and is sure to be interesting. It will be the second lecture under the auspices of the Young Men's club.

Semi-Annual Election of Officers.

The semi-annual election of the Franco-American club was held Sunday and resulted as follows: President, J. J. Magan; vice-president, J. V. Bailot; treasurer, J. T. Dupont; secretary, B. Cyr; delegates to a county meeting at North Adams next Sunday, Dr. Desrochers, J. J. Magan, John J. Borden and J. V. Bailot.

FUR AND FLOWERS.

Natural and Artificial Representatives of the Floral Kingdom.

Fur must still be chronicled, and chronicled most persistently, for it is ubiquitous, decorating indoor and outdoor gowns and forming hats and wraps, long coats and capes. The last named, less numerous than they were when large bodice sleeves made the jacket an impossibility, are yet fashionable and the chosen accompaniment of rich gowns. Chinchilla, sable, ermine and caracul are used on reception and housewifely carriage toilets, blue fox, golden fox and mink on jackets and walking costumes. A boa and muff were seen lately of golden fox, with head and tail, the muff having a head, with staring eyes on the front. The effect was more striking than pleasing.

Chrysanthemums and violets are now the reigning flowers in Paris, violets for personal wear, chrysanthemums for dinner and reception decorations, mingled with carnations and white lilies.

There has lately been an exhibition of artificial flowers made by French artists—for artists they may truly be called—which has aroused the interest of all Parisians.



VELVET COSTUME.

Who cares for such matters at all. The leaves and blossoms of muslin, silk, velvet, wax and composition, are so marvelously well made and with faithful reproductions of the natural growth that they might deceive the very clock, provided the rule of "hands off" were rigidly observed. Some of the best effects are, by the bye, achieved by the use of worsted linen and batiste.

The picture shows a walking costume of dark green velvet. The skirt, which has a slight train, is bordered around the foot by a band of blue fox, headed by an application of old gold pipe. The cape is pointed back and front in shawl style and is edged with blue fox and guipure, like the skirt, the valois collar being lined with guipure. The corset is of white mousseline de sole. The Henri II hat of green velvet is trimmed with white plumes.

JUDIE CHOLLEY.

His Face Badly Scalded.

Mr. Stone, boss weaver in Berkshire mills Nos. 1 and 2, met with a painful accident Monday afternoon. He was working near a hot water pipe when some of the boiling water spluttered out and severely scalded and burned his face in several places. It was a narrow escape from having his eyes injured. Dr. H. B. Holmes attended.

Working Over Time.

The gingham department at the Jacquard mill is running nights this week. The Renfrew company has some large orders to fill and business for them is very brisk. It is encouraging to townspeople to see this turn in business inasmuch as the best days the town ever had was when gingham was in demand.

For This Evening.

Regular meeting of Caledonian club. Regular meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. in the Congregation house.

Working of the third degree in K. of C. hall.

Supper and exhibition of art pictures at St. Mark's church.

Co-operative Bank Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the stockholders of the Adams Co-operative bank will be held in Jones' block this evening. There will be \$3,000 to loan. A full attendance is requested.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maroney, who have been visiting at Renfrew, returned to their home in Shelburne Falls this morning.

E. J. Noble, who was kicked by a vicious horse last Friday, will be able to be out the latter part of this week.

Mrs. John A. Yeoman of Summer street is able to be about the house, after two weeks' illness. Mrs. M. A. Arnold is in charge of Mrs. Yeoman's school at Zylonite.

Mrs. Peter P. Smith was in charge of Miss Margaret Ferguson's school at Zylonite today. The latter attended the funeral of her cousin, Miss Margaret E. Slattery.

A son was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Clotcock.

James McKenzie of Fall River is the guest of his mother on Dean street.

A daughter was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Paro.

Edward Donnelly of the "Bright Belle" comedy company spent Sunday with his brother, Dr. J. H. Donnelly of this town.

A party of young people will enjoy a sleighride to Cheshire Friday evening. They will stop at the Cheshire Inn, where a dance will be enjoyed and a supper served.

The Alert hall committee will meet this evening.

Odel's Key Soap for sale by all grocers. Try it.

Headache Quickly Cured.

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LADIES TOO!

They Know a Good Thing When They See It.

Many a woman has felt the depths of humiliation, when her head filled to suffocation and matter running from it down her throat was causing intolerable nausea, she has been forced either to hawk and spit or to swallow the disgusting matter she knew as causing the trouble. Many a woman can remember, when, just as she was making a special effort to be entertaining and to please, her words were choked off by the same never ceasing dripping of matter down from her head into her throat. What's that? You've felt it? Of course you have; few in this climate escape. But though misery loves company, that doesn't make this particular cross any easier to bear.

But to bear it, to endure all the inconvenience, humiliation, actual misery, resulting from the disease that cause the trouble, is not necessary. Not at all. You can check it at once, you can cure it in a fortnight. And by the simplest means with no trouble and at an expense so trifling as to be almost nothing. Hundreds of women in North Adams have tried it, and they know. Listen to what one of them says:

Mrs. James Chrystal, 42 Marshall street, North Adams, says: "The first time I used California Catarrh Cure, it relieved me. My head was badly filled up, there was great pressure between the eyes, and the dripping into my throat kept me swallowing or hawking the most of the time. I got a bottle of C. C. C. at Burlingame & Darby's and the relief from these disagreeable symptoms has been so great that even if it never cures, I shall never do without it."

California Catarrh Cure is sold at all drug stores. A big bottle for 50c, and one three times as large for \$1.

Capturing a Shadow.

To grasp a thing impalpable and hold it was once considered an impossibility. But now it is nothing for Ward to capture a fleeting shadow in bold relief, with his improved slant light and chain. It is done forever. Photograph studio, No. 4 Spring street, one door west from Church street.

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OUR NEW YORK LETTER

UNPRECEDENTED EARLY ACTIVITY AMONG PIGEON FANCIERS.

Extra Contests Already Planned Between New York and New Jersey Districts of the Metropolitan Pigeon Race Association. Challenging Philadelphia Fanclers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—[Special.]—The homing pigeon fanciers of the Metropolitan Pigeon Race Association, divided into the three districts of Manhattan, Staten Island and Yonkers in this state and the three districts of Hudson, Essex and Union in New Jersey are already getting ready for a year of unwanted activity.

To this end the fanclers of the three last named districts purpose the issuing of a special challenge to the fanclers of the first three for a 500 mile race to be flown some time in the coming "old bird" season, this race to be followed about two weeks later by another of equal distance between Metropolitan Pigeon Race birds making the best records and crack fliers of the cots belonging to members of the Philadelphia association. The latter of these two races will undoubtedly excite great interest among pigeon fanciers generally.

Points About Pigeon Flying.

Though pigeon flying is far less popular in the United States than in some European countries, Belgium in particular, it is coming more and more into favor here. Prior to the civil war there were no homing pigeons worth mentioning in America, and according to most of the best authorities they were not introduced until 1878, several years after the close of hostilities, when John Van Opstal established a cot in this city. Francis Whitely, now living across the North river in Newark, declares, however, and seems to prove that he stocked the first cot in New York in 1865. These two claims to priority with regard to American pigeon flying have caused many bitter confabulations between fanclers and certainly cannot be settled here. But the fact remains that American pigeon flying has grown so constantly during the decade that has since been fanclers began, and that today there are hundreds of cots stocked with birds aggregating tens of thousands in number and worth many thousands of dollars.

There were some cots on the sunset side of the Alleghenies prior to 1890, notably at Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, etc., yet the main growth of western taste for homing pigeons has taken place since the contests flown while the Chicago World's fair was in progress. These matches roused an immense amount of interest and caused the building of scores of cots, many birds from which have since won decidedly enviable records, but there are still more homing pigeons east than west.

Making Pigeons Useful.

It is in the east, too, that the greatest progress has been made in the practical utilization of the homing pigeon. Newspaper readers generally are probably familiar with the spectacular use of pigeons by one of the journals of this city during the recent trial of Martin Thurn for murder. They, however, were more a matter of show than anything else, at least in the opinion of the other newspapers, but there are several brokers in Wall street who have made repeated and regular use of the birds.

Alfred de Cordova has perhaps done more in this line than any one else. He has a pleasant country seat, named Chetaleh, in the township of North Long Branch, 48 miles from his office. In the summer time he likes to remain in the country for two or three days at a stretch, and this he is enabled to do without losing track of "the street" by means of his swift homing pigeons. When he first set up his summer home at Chetaleh, he made use of the telegraph, but as his house is nearly three miles from the nearest station he found the delays altogether too long, messages sometimes being two hours or more on the way. His pigeon service is much quicker than this, an hour's flight being unusually long, while the birds often make the trip in 45 minutes.

Mr. de Cordova takes an immense amount of interest in his birds and he and his nephew have devoted a great deal of time and patience to their training. The messages are written on slips of flimsy paper which are tied close to the body on the wings of the pigeons. These slips bear the printed names of the stocks in which Mr. de Cordova is interested and the quotations are written in just prior to each of the flights, three birds being flown each day ordinarily, one just after the opening of the Stock Exchange, one at noon and one just after the close. In Mr. de Cordova's office it is customary to speak of the birds as a regularly anticipated line of news carriers and the paper slips are labeled "Cordova's Aerial Messenger Company, Limited."

Not Carrier Pigeons.

It is common for persons not in the pigeon fancying line to speak of these swift feathered messengers as "carrier pigeons," but this is a mistake. Carrier pigeons are far more ornamental in appearance than homing birds, and while somewhat extensively bred are now kept mainly for show. Many years ago, indeed, they were used for flight, but faster birds were found and substituted some time in the last century. As a matter of fact, the modern homing pigeon is the result of many years' careful breeding and is of exceedingly mixed blood. Consequently there is great variation as to form, color and size.

The flying seasons come between early spring and late fall. The "old bird" season begins with the first mild weather and concludes on the last day of July. The term "old birds" applies to all hatched before Jan. 1, so that some of the pigeons in every "old bird" match are sure to be less than 6 months old. Although the "young bird" season begins on Aug. 1, Sept. 1 is the favorite month for flying the juveniles.

Some years are exceedingly disastrous to pigeons in flight because of stormy weather, fanclers occasionally losing the major part of all they put out. Eighteen ninety-five was such a year, the loss from the weather during the "old bird" season alone being large enough to be measured by thousands of dollars.

The proper breeding of homing pigeons is an art in itself, and their training is a matter of great patience. Only birds of correct ancestry can be depended upon to do good flying, and pigeon pedigrees are therefore kept almost as carefully as the pedigrees of race horses. Pigeon feeding is a special science also and deviations from the proper diet may work disaster to the most ambitious fancier's birds. It is likewise a trick to look for a good deal of the good of a cotful of pigeons, and their diseases are so many and complicated that to be successful the fancier must at all times have a plentiful supply of pigeon remedies in stock.

DEXTER MARSHALL.

Overruled.

"Fair maiden," said the sultan, his face cracking with something resembling a smile, "thou wilt be mine, and my happiness will be complete."

"Mighty one," exclaimed the beautiful maiden, prostrating herself before him, "why dost thou want so insignificant a creature as I when thou hast 100 wives already?"

"Damsel," rejoined the sultan, slightly annoyed, "dost thou not hear me when I said I needed thee more to complete my happiness?"

And he annexed her.—Chicago Tribune.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER

GOSSIP ABOUT WILLIAM KISSAM VANDERBILT NOW IN ORDER.

If the Stories About His Railroad Consolidations Are All True, He's a Bigger Man Than Old Morgan—His Yachts, His Farms, His \$10,000 Cook.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—[Special.]—It was George Gould of all the younger multimillionaires whose interests center here that was last week making most talk. This week it is a Vanderbilt—Willie K.—and the new interest aroused in his personality is not because of a fresh unconventional or some novel display of wealth, such as the world has been led to expect from him, either.

On the contrary, William Kissam Vanderbilt, whose \$10,000 cook, palatial barns on Long Island, royal castles in Europe, extravagant yachting trips, heavy plays at Monte Carlo, banjo parties and other more sensational deeds, belongings and achievements have hitherto made him famous, has at last turned seriously to business. And almost in a single day this most talked of Vanderbilt has won reputation as a skillful financier and shrewd man of affairs, such as some of the most famous transacting men of the whole world have occupied a lifetime in earning.

It is agreed on all sides that if the consolidation schemes he has in hand put out William K. Vanderbilt will be entitled to outrank J. Pierpont Morgan himself as a hastener of the day of absolute concentration. The merging of the Vanderbilt lines, so called, into one consolidated whole will make William K. master of the most extensive railroad system in the whole world. And in the light of the last few days' developments no one doubts his capacity to manage this vast stretch of steel highway with consummate ability, particularly if the Erie and Delaware, former part of the Nickel Plate and now of the Lake Shore, whether chosen president of the consolidated lines or not, shall be able to act as right hand man with regard to details.

When He Had a \$10,000 Cook.

William K. Vanderbilt has for years furnished much useful copy to the newspaper writers. It was ten years or more ago that he astonished America and fairly scandalized Europe by engaging one Joseph Duganoli, a Frenchman (born in Birmingham, England, by the way), as cook at an unprecedented yearly wage. The simple fact that the multimillionaire had done this thing filled columns of newspaper space, and for a long time thereafter anything new about "Willie K.'s \$10,000 chef" was good for what it would make, with a scare head, in almost any New York newspaper.

He was pictured in all sorts of attitudes. He was interviewed repeatedly both by accomplished journalists, with a capital J, and plain newspapermen. His sayings were the talk of the clubs. His salary was the envy of all other chefs of the civilized world, and his ways of cooking were held up before them by their masters and mistresses until his very name had become an offense and abomination among them.

Naturally, in the circumstances, M. Duganoli soon began to suffer from enlargement of the cranium, and before very long it seemed apparent that Willie K. existed chiefly as a mask for the cook to exercise his arts upon. This made more copy, of course, but in an evil day for the copy writers and the cook he ran counter to the will of Mrs. Willie K. that was, but is now a Belmont.

The immediate occasion of the collision was a bird, a fringed chicken, that was served at luncheon in a state altogether too high to suit. It is quite possible that Willie K. would have borne this incident without a murmur, but not so his wife, and the highest priced chef in the world had to go back to Paris without delay and without the whole of his salary too. A year or two later he sued his former employer in Paris, but whether he got judgment or not has never been made known to a wondering world.

Royal Palace For a Home.

Somewhat sensational, but far less productive of copy than the episode of the cook, was Willie K.'s leasing of the royal palace of Lindehof in upper Bavaria in 1898. It is an extravagantly built and furnished structure, erected by one King Ludwig not many years before his mental malady became pronounced enough to send him to a madhouse.

Willie K. is said to have paid a rental of \$50,000 a year for the palace, and there were rumors that he intended to buy it. But he tired of its splendors in one brief twelvemonth and the purchase was never consummated, though the price set was only \$2,500,000, with an intimation that \$500,000 would be thrown off for a cash payment.

Like all the other Vanderbilts, Willie K. has always shown great fondness for palatial residences. His Fifth avenue mansion at the corner of Fifty-second street, built in 1880, was for years the finest private residence in America, though it has now been put away in the shade by the town house of his older brother Cornelius, a little farther up the street, by the magnificent double house of Jack Astor and his mother, and the residence of Collis P. Huntington, to say nothing of George Vanderbilt's wonderful \$4,000,000 palace in North Carolina.

At Newport, too, Willie K. built a palace which he termed a cottage and dubbed it Marble House, where for years the entertainments were on a truly imperial scale. His country place at Oakdale, Long Island, of which little has lately been heard, was long his favorite home, and there was a time when he devoted an enormous amount of personal attention to the place. It was there that his boys and girls, among them Consuelo, now the Duchess of Marlborough, passed the happy hours away when children, and it was there that they played with the most expensive toys perhaps on record. This was nothing less than a light draft steel steamboat built especially for the navigation of Great South bay by the young Vanderbilts. It was a side wheeler and was named Comet—not a misspelling of Connecticut, by the way—and was the personal property of the children, who managed it with the assistance of a picked crew of four.

But the glory of the estate at Oakdale was furnished by its barn and the stables wherein the Vanderbilts blooded cattle were quartered. There were several of these buildings, and they were veritable palaces in their way, while their inmates were cared for as only animals owned by a multimillionaire may be.

There are a few of the things that used to furnish Vanderbilt copy, but his dramatic entrance into the arena of real affairs will soon bury them under a perfect mountain of forgetfulness.

DEXTER MARSHALL.

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ABOUT W. MURRAY CRANE.

W. Murray Crane of Dalton is today very much before the people of Massachusetts. They are turning toward him as the next Republican candidate for Governor of the commonwealth, and as a proof that the whole state has an interest in him we reprint the following editorial from Monday's Pittsburg Sentinel. That paper of large influence says:

From the current of political circles it is evident that the candidates at the head of the state ticket for 1898 will be the same as last year. It is understood among those near to the governor that he would prefer the honor of a nomination for a full third term. This being so, there is not a candidate in the state who will venture to contest the nomination with him. This simplifies the situation materially and puts out of the question any disturbance of the Republican harmony over the head of the ticket. Of course, also, Lieutenant Governor Crane will be nominated for another term. But this further continuance of Crane in office only serves to complicate the situation for next year. That is the way it looks now, but it may easily be that it will, in the end, make the situation clearer. The case of Mr. Crane is worth the attention of the people probably more than it has been supposed.

Good authority can be given for saying that Mr. Crane is, today, one of the most influential Republicans in the state. His advice is probably more sought than that of any one man as to the safest course in politics. His judgment is respected by many practical politicians who were experts in their business before he ever rose above the political horizon. Men go to him for advice in many ways. What is more, his advice is generally taken. It is possible to point to incidents in recent political events of importance to the Republicans as a party to show that he has been more influential than any other man. What is the unusual feature of this influence is that it is so modestly exerted. He does not pose as the boss of Massachusetts. He is not trying at every point to build up a political machine which will serve him when he has need of the votes of the people. He is not putting a henchman here, another there, a postmaster in this place, an internal revenue officer in that and a porter or night watchman somewhere else. He is a man who does not bore with requests for favors the men whom he has been instrumental in promoting to public office. He seems to be satisfied with serving the party and the public and letting his private fortunes in politics wait for the developments of events. Still further, although he is a wealthy man, it is said that though he subscribes liberally to the campaign funds, he does not believe in lavish expenditure at any point. He would not flood a district to carry a nomination, but would work by higher means. His influence upon the politics of the state has thus far been clean and wholesome.

Of course he is no speechmaker. He is not out for an after dinner or cattle-show orator. If the people want that sort of man they must turn in another direction. Probably he would not be a conspicuous figure at balls and church or Grand Army fairs. He is different from some governors whom the state has had. Perhaps he does not want to be governor. Perhaps the people will not want him when they choose a successor to the present governor. But he is a first-class lieutenant-governor, whom the managers consult and trust to a marked extent and the public are entitled to know at least this much about one of their prominent servants.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Business throughout the country is reported as very favorable and promising. Dun's Review says that actual payments through clearing houses in January made a remarkable showing, being much larger than in any previous month, 36.3 per cent. larger than the same month last year, and 7.1 per cent. larger than in 1892. The failures in January were smaller than in any previous year of which there is record, and were probably smaller than in any other January since 1891. This statement by branches of business given last week shows a surprising gain in most departments of manufacture and trade. No failures appear in the woolen manufacture, and in several branches only an insignificant aggregate compared with the failures of previous years. Meanwhile the money market is as confident as ever; gold does not come from Europe in large amount only because bankers find it worth while to lend American money abroad, and the commercial balances are heavily in favor of the United States as heretofore.

The shipments of boots and shoes from the east show increasing sales, exceeding those of every year except the last and 1895, although the returns are possibly incomplete because of the storm. Buyers

are still cautious, but paying a small advance on some grades of goods. There are many orders for women's shoes, and from the south much larger than last year, while for brogans some manufacturers have extensive fall contracts. In women's black shoes the largest manufacturers have a better demand than ever before. Buyers of leather run beyond current receipts in hemlock sole, and are active in oak, but are hesitating in union leather, and doing only about as much as usual in wax and kip.

There is a better demand for cotton goods, since the general stoppage of works at the East, but there is no indication as yet of material gain as respects unsold stocks on hand. In woolen goods the demand is altogether more satisfactory, an advance of about 20 per cent. being paid on most grades of the finer woolsens and worsteds, and nearly all the mills are active. The sales of wool at the three chief markets were 6,861,400 lbs., of which 3,973,000 were domestic, against 13,563,700 last year, of which 8,493,400 were domestic.

Failures for the week were 235 in the United States against 311 last year, and 39 in Canada against 63 last year.

IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

This community has an interest in the appointment of a new postmaster for North Adams that increases as the time for that appointment draws near. The present postmaster, I. S. Lyons, has been considered the very probable successor of him. But that will not be the case, as Mr. Lyons has withdrawn from the field and has notified his political friends to that effect, in order that they may not use their efforts in his behalf for an office for which he is no longer a candidate.

Mr. Lyons has been an efficient postmaster and has given the patrons of the office all possible courtesy and attention. The fact of his excellent record as an official, combined with that of his having rendered a good deal of valuable political service to prominent local Republicans, has led to the supposition that he might wish, and would be retained, in the postmaster's office. But Mr. Lyons has now put himself outside the list of candidates.

"Leave whiskey behind and take your head and heart to the Klondike" is the advice of an experienced miner in the North Adams Transcript. The first part of this advice is good. So is the second as far as it goes. There is an implication, however, that he intends all gold seekers to leave the rest of their anatomy at home. If there is to be any such omission we would suggest that the prospective Klondiker leave his stomach at home and have it fed regularly.—Pittsfield Journal.

The retirement of Editor Lewis from the Pittsfield Journal to become Pittsfield's city clerk is an announcement that causes regret among the newspaper brethren of Western Massachusetts. Mr. Lewis has conducted The Journal ably and honestly. His successor is S. Chester Lyon, a newspaper man well known throughout Berkshire county, and whose return to the ranks of newspaperdom is welcome news to everyone who knows him. Good luck to City Clerk Lewis and to Editor Lyon.

TO DAWSON FOR NEWS.

A Managing Editor Who Goes to Alaska For Facts, Not Fortune.

With a camera in one hand and a notebook in the other Mr. A. A. Hill has started for the Klondike. He is not seeking fortune, but facts. Of all that vast crowd which will soon be surging through the Alaskan passes he will be probably the only one whose mind is bent on news instead of nuggets. Mr. Hill is the editor in chief of the staff of the American Press Association, and he has left his desk to lead into the frozen north the expedition which that concern has sent out to learn and write the exact facts about the tremendous rush for gold which before many weeks will be at its height.

Mr. Hill is well equipped for the task. He is handicapped neither by the inexperience of youth nor by the physical disabilities of age. In the prime of life and possessed of health, energy and courage, he goes prepared to face as many hardships in his search for information as does the prospector in his search for gold. His newspaper training began in boyhood, and he has occupied every position about a printing office from that of "devil" to managing editor. But the chief thing which he has acquired during those years of experience is the ability to write facts, to tell things as they are.

Before he was called to exercise his executive ability he became noted for the clear, simple style in which he wrote of the events of the day. So when he draws a picture of the great conglomerate army of prospectors who are struggling with the difficulties of the Chilkoot or depicts the mad scurry for claims on the crowded Klondike it will not be a picture which is thrown up in haste, but an unimpaired photograph, in which the reader will see incidents and details stand out with satisfying vividness.

Before starting Mr. Hill spent several weeks in making careful preparation. He provided himself with the best outfit to be procured, his suit being one of those which were prepared for Lieutenant Perry's latest Arctic trip. He carries a hand camera of the lightest and most improved model, and Mrs. Hill, who accompanies him and will act as his secretary, takes with her a typewriter which is a model of compactness. Mrs. Hill was formerly a newspaper woman and will prove a valuable assistant. The expedition which Mr. Hill heads is now at the threshold of the Yukon and will proceed toward the gold camps as soon as the rush begins.

A New Cotton Gin.

At Lynn, Mass., there is now in practical operation a new cotton gin which is attracting much attention. This is a roll gin, no revolving saws being used, which cut the fiber, the seed being forced out by a scraping blade close to the roller. In a recent trial a long staple lint run through this machine was declared to be worth 15 1/2 cents a pound against 6 cents a pound when run through the old style gin.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN

A Lively Fight For Control of the Next House.

NO LARGE MAJORITY EXPECTED.

Keen Observers at the Capital Think the Populists May Have the Balance of Power—Interesting Complications in Prospect—Both Sides Eager For the Fry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—[Special.]—Are the Republicans or the Democrats to control the next house of representatives? This is one of the burning questions of the hour at the national capital. It possesses more personal interest for about 350 so-called statesmen than the problems of finance, of Hawaiian annexation, of Cuba or anything else. Contrary to the general belief, Speaker Reed does not care much one way or the other. His friends tell me that the big speaker would not shed any tears if 'his side were to lose their majority in the lower branch. He is safe enough, in any event. In the first place, he cannot lose his seat. He is always returned by a handsome majority, and no Democrats need expect to defeat him unless there should come a political eruption such as this country has not seen in a quarter of a century. In the second place Mr. Reed is assured a high place, even if the Democrats carry the house. For then he will be leader of the minority on the floor and that is work which he really enjoys. So far as he is personally concerned, I am sure he enjoys those congresses in which the Democrats have the speaker much more than he does those in which his side is in control and he is compelled to assume the responsibility of management of the house.

If one could believe the Democratic leaders here in Washington, they are sure of obtaining a nice majority in the next house. They are sincere in their pretensions, and actually believe they are on the eve of a great victory. While the Republicans do not concede that the Democrats are going to win, they admit that the result may be close. At the best they hope for only a small majority in the next house. It is well understood by every one that the congressional elections following a presidential campaign usually show reaction against the party in power. That has been the history of the country, with few exceptions, for a long time. The Democrats are very sure this year will not prove one of the exceptions.

A Chance For the Populists.

A great many keen observers of the political situation believe the next house of representatives is likely to be a strange mixture. They think that no party will have a clear majority. It may be that the balance of power is likely to be held by the Populists and the gold Democrats, aided by the silver Republicans. In other words, neither the regular Democrats nor the regular Republicans will be able to elect a speaker and organize the house without the assistance of one of these minor elements, and a situation like this, if it presents itself, is sure to bring out some most interesting complications. It is expected that in the New England and middle states the Democrats will increase their membership in the house, but that many of these new Democratic representatives will be of the gold or at least the anti-silver stripe. Whether or not they combine with the regular Democrats in the election of a speaker and organization of the house may depend very much upon whether the regular Democrats propose to go for 16 to 1 or whether it will be willing to accept some compromise that will restore harmony to the party.

Although the Republican leaders expect to lose members, they still hope to pull through with a majority that will enable them to organize the house. If they have not a majority of their own, they will seek a combination with the eastern or gold Democrats and attempt to disrupt the opposition. Some people think the attitude to be taken by both the great parties on the silver question will be largely determined by the result of the congressional elections this year. If the straight or silver Democrats obtain a majority of the house, no one doubts that the Chicago platform will be affirmed in 1900. On the other hand, if the Republicans are able to save their control it is equally certain they will stand for the St. Louis platform, possibly eliminating the international bimetallic feature. But if either party should be compelled to combine with the gold Democrats in order to save the organization of the house, that might serve to modify its attitude upon the money question.

For these reasons the congressional elections of this year are looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. Already the battle lines are being formed. The members of the house are firing their fences. They are straining every nerve to secure a return to their seats, and the number of letters they are writing, packages they are sending out, goods and public documents distributing, is something amazing. The statesmen talk of little else than their prospects of re-election. This is to them the greatest question in the universe at the present time.

Early Adjournment Expected For.

This anxiety is quite as great on one side of the house as it is on the other. Both Democrats and Republicans agree that they want an early adjournment of this session, so impatient are they to get back to their districts and beat off the rivals. In this connection I have heard an amusing explanation of the eagerness of the Democratic members to co-operate with Speaker Reed's plan for an early adjournment. It is that the times have been so hard in the south that the lawyers down there are starving, and about two-thirds of them are trying to break into congress. At any rate, the southern members who usually have less anxiety than their northern brethren as to holding their seats are now impatient to get away from Washington they may fix up their fences.

The American people are noted for the manner in which they sweep away party majorities when they once get started. For instance, in the Fifty-third congress the Republicans had a majority of only 3. But in the next congress the Democrats had a majority of 147 over the Republicans, who had only 88 seats all told. In the ensuing or Fifty-fourth congress the Democratic majority over the Republicans fell to 21. In the Fifty-fourth congress the pendulum of public opinion swung to the other extreme, and the Republicans had the tremendous majority of 169, the Democrats having but 96 seats. In the present congress the Republican majority is not so large, being 81 over the Democrats, or 54 over Democrats and Populists together. All the indications are for a very close and exciting contest next November.

WALTER WELLMAN.

IN AND OUT OF DOORS.

Novelties For Ball Gowns and New Effects For Street Wraps.

Brocade silks, fleur de velours and miroir velvets compose many fashionable ball gowns, although for dancing only sheer transparent fabrics are employed as rule. Tulle embroidered with chenille in dots, arabesques and large flowers, tulle interwoven with beading in which the narrowest-ribbons are run and tulle having a lace pattern are all now and much liked. Liberty silk, thin and clinging, is also a favorite material.

Long sleeves, sometimes plain, sometimes fringed, sometimes edged with a tiny

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much of mousseline de sole, are worn with ball gowns by young women. Jewel effects are also used as a decoration, head embroidery in which the beads are faceted and out like gems being a brilliant novelty.

Embroidery of all kinds is lavished upon every article of the wardrobe. For evening wraps in particular, either long or



EVERING WRAP. short, it is the preferred decoration, appearing in silk, chenille, metal threads, beads, spangles, or in the form of applications of velvet and fur.

Lattice-work applications of bands of silk or velvet ribbon are an odd novelty seen occasionally on gowns and wraps. The lower part of the front of a new model of a long redingote is thus decorated, the ribbon being black velvet. A similar decoration is placed on the front of the bodice portion, and the revers are adorned to match.

KLONDIKE'S FIRST CHURCH.

It Is an Expensive but Somewhat Crude House of Worship.

Satan does not have it all his own way on the Klondike. There is one church there. It was established last fall by two young ministers sent from New York by



FIRST CHURCH IN THE KLONDIKE. the Presbyterian board of home missions. They were Rev. S. Hall Young and Dr. W. A. McEwen. For months nothing was heard of them, but the other day they sent back an encouraging report accompanied by a photograph of the pioneer house of worship in the gold regions.

The two missionaries started out last August and reached Klondike City just before the winter set in and before all means of traveling had been closed. On their journey they had been robbed of the greater part of their provisions. Their first step was to rent a hall in which to hold services. They leased a small house for seven months for \$850, payable in advance. The upper floor was divided into six 8 by 10 rooms, which were let very readily for \$30 a month in advance. After the first service had been held, however, one of the lodgers came home drunk and set fire to the building. The house was totally destroyed. The loss was a great blow to the church, as much of the material burned could not be replaced at any cost.

Services were next held in the "opera house," which is the largest room in the city. The missionaries spent all their money in fitting up the new church, but when their cash was gone they found the miners very willing to give credit. The rudest furniture that could be found cost the church \$200. Each window sash cost one-half ounce of gold, or about \$10. Twelve joints of stovepipe cost \$1.50 each. The pews were made of rough, unplanned boards, supported by rough logs. The missionaries borrowed 10 rough boards to be used for seats.

This lumber is so valuable that none of it is for sale. The last lumber sold, which was of the roughest sort, brought \$400 per thousand feet.

The church is always kept warm and comfortable, in spite of the arctic cold, to provide a meeting place for the miners away from the saloons. The reading rooms have already become very popular. The miners have taken great interest in collecting reading matter. The library consists of about 1,500 books, magazines and pamphlets.

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Local News!

WOODFORD.

Del Lofay and wife are keeping a luncheon boarding house in Somerset. Mrs. Eliza Bowles is ill. Her sister, Ellen Knapp, is working for her. Horatio F. Knapp of South Shaftsbury was killed by a horse near his home and died at 5 o'clock last Saturday morning. The funeral was held Monday at 2 o'clock. Mr. Knapp formerly lived in Woodford, and was an upright man in his dealings. His age was 76 years.

Exhor Marzio and wife have visited in Bennington for several days.

Mrs. Charles King, eldest daughter of A. K. Bishop, recently died at her home in Athol, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. King moved into a new house in October, and during that month their two little children died, and now Mrs. King is gone and the husband is left alone.

Rev. R. T. Sawyer writes from his home in Danby, Vt., that he will begin the practice of medicine in the spring.

A Woodford woman purchased one of those shine o'clocks. Her husband, who in former times used to indulge in the ardent, saw the clock on the table, and thinking it was a handkerchief, wiped his nose with it. Presently his wife came into the room and exclaimed, "There, you've been drinking again, for your nose shines!" It didn't take long to lay it to the shame o'clock.

Hon. William B. Arnold, who died suddenly at his home in Pownall last Friday at many acquaintances in Woodford who always respected him for his honesty and good business principles.

A few days ago Arthur Bowles' wife's aunt, Leominster, Mass., fell down stairs with a lighted lamp in her hand. Her clothing caught fire and she was so terribly burned that death soon followed. In trying to save his mother her son was badly burned and his life hung by a thread for several days, but he will survive.

Last week winter gave a powerful argument and the town caught its drift. It increased in volume from the beautiful to the awful snow. It takes the rhyme all out of it when one must beat time with a snow shovel, but there's some comfort in the thought that an abundant supply of beautiful ice can be found on the ponds and brooks by digging down anywhere from five to 20 feet through the beautiful snow.

Many People Cannot Drink

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FLORIDA.

Mrs. Alice Greenleaf has been visiting her cousin, Miss Winnie Haskins at "Forest Lake" in Savoy.

Mrs. Bizzap Kemp is in North Adams stopping with Mrs. M. K. Perry for a part of the winter.

Mrs. George N. Thatcher with her daughter, Alice, have been visiting relatives in Komerville, North Adams.

Edward Evans, who has been sick with pneumonia, has recovered so he has been out for a ride the past week.

Many of the farmers are teaming, and drawing white birch, spruce and kiln wood to the tunnel, where it is loaded on the cars and sent away.

Pyrocura.

An absolute cure for piles. A home remedy, endorsed by home people. North Adams druggists sell it.

HALIFAX.

P. E. Crozier is getting out peg wood. Lucas Omsby and Will Wilbur have been threshing for Rufus Crozier.

Rev. W. E. Streeter started for a two weeks' visit in Hudson and Spencer, Mass., last Monday.

James Willard, a life-long resident of this place, died January 25, at the age of 79 years. He was born February 22, 1819, in the place where he lived, being one of the eight children of James and Esther Lynde Willard. He is survived by six children and one sister, Mrs. Solomon Stancliff. He was always an industrious farmer and a kind neighbor and friend, always upright in his dealings, and will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Then the man suddenly rolled into view and sprang to his feet with a terrified curse. He was in convict uniform. He was short and thickset and a man of great strength. As for his face, every line of it was evil. He had beetle brows, massive jaws and baleful eyes, and his right hand clutched and flourished a naked knife nearly a foot long. Given my choice, I would sooner have faced a Bengal tiger howling for my blood.

"Well, what do you want here?" I asked as I put aside the book.

"I want you, curse you!" he savagely replied as he came a step nearer.

"I am here. What is it?"

"If I seemed to be cool, such was far from being the case, but my apparent coolness rather disconcerted the man. Had I shouted for help, had I stood on my feet or made a move, he would have flung himself upon me and used the knife. I simply leaned back in my chair and looked at him and spoke in even tones. He reached for a chair, placed it opposite and, sitting down, with his elbows on the table, glared at me and said:

"Yes, I escaped from Dartmoor this morning, and I don't doubt that I will be back before long tomorrow, but when they come for me they'll find your dead body. That's why I wanted to give 'em the slip—to kill you. As for getting clear off without money or friends, I can't hope to do it. You remember me, governor—Bill Watson, No. 4,820—in for 20 years?"

"You don't recall you?"

"Oh, no! I ordered the lash for so many of the poor devils you were so bent on breaking the spirit of so many of the gang that ye don't happen to remember me. I remember you, though. I had so many favors at your hands that I swore never to forget you, and I never shall. I went to prison thinking to do my best, but as I held my head up they said I was too airy and must be broken down. I was punished again and again, but because I would not bend you gave orders to break me. They bludgeoned me with their chains, lashed me till they dared not strike another blow. I was told that you rubbed your hands and laughed over it, and I swore I would live to escape, and escape only to drive a knife into your heart. I have waited for 12 long years, but I am here at last."

"You are mistaken in your man," I said as he finished. "Colonel Hampton,

CAKE AND POETRY.

What art thou, life? A fleeting day of change, A trembling dawn of a wide reaching, rest-less sea—'ere's shadow, dim and strange! (Oh, that reminds me! I must bake some cake for tea.)

Thy morn is beautiful, O life I thought To glance into the cookbook, so to make quite sure;

"Three eggs, a cup of cream"—just as I thought With all its dreams, so high, so true, so pure!

Grand is thy full, sweet noontide ("till the hour And stir it in;" I'm glad the oven's hot and nice)

When lofty purpose arms the soul with power. ("Rain and currents, one cup each, with spice.")

Night, and the day's fulfillment! Oh, how fair, How wondrous is this mystery! ("Then add about A teaspoonful of lemon flavoring"—there! Now, while it bakes, I'll write my poem out.)

—Madeline S. Bridges in Ladies' Home Journal.

THE CONVICT.

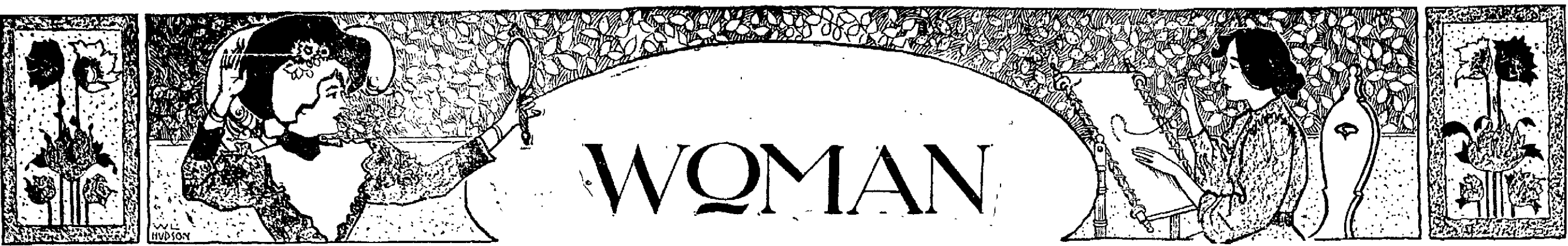
BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

When I reached Hampton Hall one evening on invitation from Colonel Hampton to spend the week with him, I found that he had been suddenly called away on business and would be gone for a couple of days. He left a note for me explaining matters and begging that I would make myself comfortable, and I was given a room next to his on the second floor. It was in the month of November, and the evening was bleak and drear. For a couple of hours after dinner I sat chatting with one of Hampton's neighbors who happened in and then went to my room, taking a book from the library on my way up. It was a large room, with a bed on the west side against the wall, and the table at which I sat down to read was in the center. Five minutes after entering the room I was busy with the book, and it was perhaps 20 minutes before I raised my eyes from the pages. I faced the bed, and it may have been some slight noise that attracted my attention. I just glanced in that direction, but an instant later the glance became a fixed stare. It was a massive old-fashioned bedstead, with a valance, or curtain, falling to the floor around one side and the foot. Just peeping out from under this curtain was the toe of a shoe—a coarse, heavy shoe, with sole nailed on. It was not the shoe worn by mechanics or day laborers, but I recognized it in an instant as a prison shoe. All convicts wore that make of shoe in prison and left it behind when set at liberty. A discharged prisoner who had got out wearing such shoes would be arrested as a suspect by the first constable who encountered him.

The toe of a prison shoe peeping from under the bed meant that there was a foot in it, a leg belonging to the foot, a body belonging to the leg. That there was an escaped convict under the bed I hadn't the slightest doubt. As I looked at that toe I remembered that Colonel Hampton had been governor at Dartmoor prison for many years, though out of it for five years back. It was 16 miles to Dartmoor, and I had heard nothing of an escape, but the man under the bed was no doubt in prison uniform and from the institution named. How had he managed to enter the house? What was his object? What move should I make under the circumstances?

With my eyes fastened on the page of the book and my heart beating like a trip hammer, I tried to figure out the situation and decide on what was to be done. I was not armed, and I was all alone on that floor. By this time all the servants had gone to their rooms, and even if I could arouse them they were not to be depended on in a struggle with an escaped convict. I had a pretty good nerve in those days, and yet as I sat there trying to solve the problem I found my mouth as dry as cotton and my whole body trembling.

You will perhaps say that I should have got up and walked out of the room and down stairs. To be honest with you, my knees were so weak that I feared they would not serve me, and I also feared that the convict might suspect my design and roll out and attack me. If I got safely out and down stairs, he would be left behind, and what would he do? It was a mile to the nearest house and four miles to a police station. I knew little of the castle and was ignorant of the servant's quarters. While I admit that I was unnerved, I had no thought of running away. By and by, as I continued to grope for a remedy, and at the same time I could hear the foot roll out and attack me. If I got safely out and down stairs, he would be left behind, and what would he do? It was a mile to the nearest house and four miles to a police station. I knew little of the castle and was ignorant of the servant's quarters. While I admit that I was unnerved, I had no thought of running away. 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Fashions In Tears.

Fashions change even in spiritual matters, and it has been decreed that it is no longer a subject of pathetic interest for women to weep. Those tender lines of Kingsley.

For men must work.
And women must weep,
And there's little to do,
But many to keep,
Though the harbor bar be moaning,
are still true enough when applied to the men who go down to the sea in ships and to the wives, daughters and sweethearts who wait and watch for them. Put to the women in town and country the edict has gone forth, "Weep no more." The day has passed when the big, sad eyes, ready to send forth a flood of tears on the slightest provocation, can prove an effective weapon against refractory man. He knows too much about it. It is useful to a woman as a relief to her nervous system—any physician can tell her that it has its physiological benefits—but masculinity cannot be subdued by the moist methods. When she begins to show the old fashioned signs of distress, man cruelly interferes: "Now, don't cry. It makes your nose red and your eyes ugly. It won't change me." Or if he is especially coarse he will shout: "For heaven's sake, stop that crying game unless you want to get rid of me! I won't stand it."

A woman enjoys crying. The wise man is aware of this and is never heartless enough to attempt stopping a source of pleasure. But it is one more reason why he is not affected by her tears. If they arise from bodily pain or intense mental suffering, he is all sympathy, but the hysterical overflow that can be produced on an instant's notice, that seems to be on tap—because her dress doesn't fit in one particular or her jacket's dimes do not complete an especial purchase—does not now excite his interest.

When a man cries, it is from the diaphragm, and the sobs give him actual physical pain. His sex fellows know this and can sympathize with him. But women cry from the chest or throat without the slightest effort, and men know that too. The old German proverb, "Nothing dries sooner than a tear," must have been written by a man who had had experience with the wiles of weeping women. There is a quaint old English poem that gives a list of the various evil spirits that infest this world and inflict injury upon mortals, and among the most noxious is one called Underserving Mortals, and concludes with the startling statement that "a weeping woman with two black eyes is the wickedest devil of them all."

The principal point for the consideration of woman is that when she must have her "good, comfortable cry" she should take her consolation privately. When not in the presence of unsympathizing man, she may even forget to cry; and, if she remembers, there is a possibility she will forget the cause of her lachrymose desires, and smiles may soon chase away the tears as they did in childhood years. If the sex has reformed in this respect, man need not claim the credit. It is a busy, bustling age, in the cities at least, and there women have learned to be wise, earnest and strong, as factors in the daily life of a world that demands the best efforts from them. They are responding bravely and intelligently, and there is no time left for crying.

ALBERT P. SOUTHWICK.

Bab Takes a Look At the Shop Windows.

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Always about this time of year the shop windows are filled with the most remarkable of white garments, while the newspapers are filled with advertisements of what they call "cheap underwear," but which is more elegantly referred to by the saleswomen as "fine lingerie." Whether it is that the hideous dress reform undergarment is going out of fashion, and this has brought all these abominations to the fore, or the shopkeeper, appreciating that a reaction has set in, has concluded that he had better get rid of all this old stuff, or what, nobody exactly knows, but it is certain that some of the most hideous things are displayed, and undoubtedly some deluded women will buy them. What do I mean by hideous things? Plaitings ruffled with abominations in the shape of hamburger edging and overfilled bits of clothing that would ruin the figure of Venus, really

First Woman Arbitrator.



MISS CLARA J. FISHER.

Miss Clara J. Fisher is the first woman ever chosen to act as arbitrator in a labor dispute in this country by a regularly constituted state board of arbitration. Miss Fisher was employed as overseer for nine years with the B. H. Spaulding company at Milford, Mass. Two years ago she left them, but when recently a strike broke out over the question as to what number of yards of straw sewed should constitute the unit of payment Miss Fisher was chosen by her former fellow employees as their representative. Together with a man chosen by the state board to represent the Spaulding company, she visited similar mills in the neighborhood, and in two weeks the report was ready which furnished the basis of a satisfactory agreement.

The usual sort of trash that appears every year about this time and yet which is always a surprise. It is funny how man—lovely man, faithful man, athletic man—has talked and preached and had pictures printed in the newspapers of what woman should wear. As if he knew! One group that I saw which bore the signature of a well known artist represented as necessary for a woman nine of the most diabolical garments that the eye of the printer's devil ever rested upon. Now, I am not a reformer, but I have had considerable experience, and in a tolerably long and rather varied life I have never met a woman who wore nine pieces of underwear at one time. Starting with the fact that one's petticoat has a firm foundation, as firm as Plymouth rock and much better shaped, the average woman in good health need only wear, first, a somewhat long silk undervest, stockings of course, stays and, if she is inclined to be chilly and has a tendency toward rheumatism, a well cut and not cumbersome flannel petticoat, with the one or two pieces of nainsook that are displayed in the shop windows, but which are seldom talked about. The petticoat may be of silk, or may be of moreen, but it is never white for street wear. With your heavy cloth skirt you need a stiff moreen petticoat, that it may be properly held out, but there is no use burdening oneself with a lot of unnecessary underwear to oblige the stupid shopkeepers. A woman walks well and easily when she has not got on a lot of starched underwear, and the line of beauty shows to much better advantage than when she is overburdened and has strings and belts cutting her, because she has no stays on and is altogether flurried and flat looking.

The human form divine, especially the female edition of it, does come in for an awful lot of discussion. The line of a woman's figure is talked about with the unctious of Dumas, while any one who is liable to face a picture of Venus and it is quite possible to stumble over her in plaster on the sidewalk. Fancy wearing such draperies as Venus wore! Why, you would have to put heavy iron weights in them, which would make them bang against your knees, and you would sit on them

but if she hasn't sense enough to know just how much of her neck and shoulders she should display she is as ignorant as the youngest baby in the house. A woman's arms, round, white, firm and well formed, are delights, and a woman's throat, well shaped and white, is a marble column supporting the head above it, which is presumed to hold a sufficient amount of brains to hint to the world at large that the owner knows enough to show that world only what a modest woman would wish it to see. Modesty is a great virtue, but it is a complex one. There are many absolutely modest women and many who are so immodest that one feels ashamed to even belong to the same sex.

I don't think it is quite right to hear women talk of their miseries and the manner in which they are being treated to the world at large, and yet women do it.

I don't think it is quite modest to gush over one's friends in public. Friendship is an exquisite plant, but it is one which can be easily killed, and if you want it to be fresh and beautiful and a joy in your life, then you must protect it from the vulgar eye.

I don't think it is quite modest to call whoever you may be fond of by pet names before other people. In fact, between you and me, I don't think it is quite modest to let the world at large see one's inner feelings. You needn't cultivate a horrible frigidity of manner, but you can be a little reserved.

I said modesty was complex, and it is. The modest woman is the one who wears her heart where the daws cannot peck at it and who keeps her own affairs to herself. She is the woman who doesn't talk loudly in public and who doesn't overdo. Modesty does not cover, it simply does not recognize the existence of, some sins. There are women who are as exquisitely modest as the angels, women who could put out their hands and lift up that other woman who has fallen and never feel that they were selling the tips of their fingers. The modest woman is the charitable one, for charity and purity are twin sisters.

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Revolt of the Baronets.

Appropos of the revolt of the baronets, the writer of an amusing article in an English paper speaks of woman's love for the order. Once on a time, even, he tells us, there was a female baronet, Dame Maria Bolle of Osherton, County Nottingham. The rank of a baronet's wife is not infrequently conferred on the widow of a man to whom the baronetcy has been promised, and who died too soon to receive it.

It is the novelists, however, who make the most capital out of the baronetage, especially the lady writers. As an interesting pursuit to women of leisure he suggests that of ascertaining how many baronets appear in popular novels. People unfamiliar with the peerage are on tolerably safe ground when writing about baronets.

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The Richest Children In the World Today.

The four children—two boys and two girls, Josephine S., Edward P., Frederick P. A. and Freida—of Mrs. Lesley J. Pearson, the widow of Commander Frederick Pearson, U. S. N., who died in 1890, will inherit (D. V.) the massive fortune accumulated by their grandfather, Dr. J. C. Ayer. They are now, respectively, 11, 10, 9 and 8 years of age, and the sum held in trust for them, consisting principally of large plots of real estate in Lowell and Boston, New York city, Philadelphia and Chicago, with the factories and good will of the great business at Lowell, is estimated at \$100,000,000. There is every probability that when these infants (in law) reach their majority the magnificent, almost colossal, inheritance held in trust for them will amount to \$500,000,000 each. There certainly are not living any other four children who have at present \$25,000,000 separately invested for their benefit. Additionally, they will inherit from their mother, who possesses at least two or three millions, and possibly from their uncle, both bachelors.

Frederick P. Ayer, is one of whom, Frederick F. Ayer, is one of whom, several millions, part owner of the Trinity building, 111 Broadway, a large stockholder in the New York Tribune, sole proprietor of the Ayer building, corner of Leonard street and Broadway, New York city, with interests in the Tremont and Suffolk mills, mining companies of Wisconsin and Michigan and many other enterprises.

Mrs. Josephine Mellen Southwick Ayer, who died in Paris the other day at her residence, 19 Rue Constantine, near the Invalides, in the Quarter St. Germain, the former home of the Duc de Mouchy, controlled the largest fortune held by any woman in the world. Her income since the death of her husband, in 1878, was about a million annually, sometimes as high as one and a third millions, and the \$10,000,000 she left in personal property represents her savings in that length of time—that is, she expended yearly about half her income.

Her father, Royal Southwick (1795-1875) of Lowell and Boston, a millionaire tanner, was married in 1827 to Miss Drexia Claflin, born in 1805, a sister of Horace B. and Aaron Claflin, the founders of the house now controlled by John, the son of the former, and known as the H. B. Claflin company of New York city.

Mrs. Ayer was born on "Dec. 15, 1827. She had three brothers, Henry Clay, John Claflin and Royal, and one sister, Edna—the latter the only one now remaining in the family—who is a resident of Lowell.

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Not for a moment did she think of remarrying, despite the many rumors started by would be Benedicts who craved a share in her millions. At one time no less than three princes were aspirants for her hand. More than one duel was threatened.

Prince Dalgarnousky is a Pole of distinguished appearance, who has an income of \$100 a month and a reputation as a gamester. Prince Gledrozy is a Russian, a brother of the late emperor's morganatic wife. He is fat and reasonably rich. Prince Valori is a Spaniard. The last offered to introduce Mrs. Ayer to Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, and secure her a social position of the first rank among the European nobility if she would marry him, but she declined.

There were others fluttering like moths about the flame, but she was not moved by the glamour of title.

Her crowning social success was the dinner she gave in Paris, in 1897, in honor of Mrs. William Astor. Nearly every guest bore a title, and they were all distinguished. Mrs. Astor wore all her famous jewels, but she was outshone

Joseph Smith's Grandniece.



MISS DONNETTE SMITH.

Miss Donnette Smith is the charming relative of the prophet Joseph Smith, her father being one of the three saints of the Mormon church. Miss Smith is an intelligent and interesting young woman and is one of the most popular girls in Salt Lake City. She is highly educated and has taken a kindergarten course at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, intending to adopt the career of a teacher. The Mormon girls, even though wealthy, believe in the dignity of labor, and most of them take up some congenial occupation. Miss Smith, although dwelling much among Christians, has never wavered from the faith of her ancestors and has a reverence for the memory of her relative, Joseph Smith. In appearance this young woman is of medium height, with brown hair and eyes and a pleasing expression of countenance. She is thoroughly up to date and interested in the economic and educational problems of the day.

the old home after the death of their parents.

One of Whittier's poems, "Cassandra Southwick," tells the story of the sore tribulations of those who preferred to worship God in their own way and thereby aroused the vindictive ire and fanatical hate of the then dominating class in New England known as Puritans.

Among noted members of her family now living are Dr. Alfred P. Southwick, the father of the electrocution law of New York state, connected with the university in Buffalo; George N. Southwick, congressman from Albany; Albert P. Southwick, the author (a near relative); Louise M. Southwick, the poet; Francis H. Southwick of Brooklyn, a prominent merchant in New York city; Clarence Southwick, editor of Kansas City, and her nephew, Henry C. Southwick of the McDougall & Southwick company of Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Ayer had lived permanently in Paris since 1839, and no one will be more missed in the French capital. She was the most prominent member of the American colony there and one of the best known women of that city. Her great wealth, her lavish expenditures, her brilliant entertainments, her gowns and her jewels were the talk of the faubourgs in the city on the Seine.

A prominent newspaper has said of her, "She was really a good woman, one of the most charitable and generous in the world, and those who said ill of her were those who had been benefited by her bounty."

She was a liberal patron of art, paid enormous sums for pictures and was ever ready to aid the struggling American artists and singers who went abroad to study. Her purse and her sympathy were never appealed to in vain, and often she sought out those whom she believed to be worthy. She had a retinue of servants, employed a dentist, who visited her daily, and a physician to look after the members of her household, while she consulted specialists, to whom she paid princely fees. The milliners and modistes regarded her as their best customer. She occasionally was fleeced by them, but then she knew it and smiled compassionately. It was not the part of a grande dame to discuss these conditions with the shopkeepers. She would purchase \$500 worth of gloves at a time, and they

by her hostess. Melba sang "Les Anges Pleurent."

One of the most conspicuous pictures in the French exhibit at the World's fair was her portrait by Carolus Duran. The brilliant coloring attracted much attention. In this portrait, now in the house of her sons, she is shown dressed very gorgeously in a gown of mauve velvet, which was painted in the artist's most spectacular and realistic manner.

She was a very young looking woman at the time of her death and retained to a great degree a form of girlish grace, though in her seventy-first year.

How Do You Walk?

Obstinacy is indicated by the slow, heavy and flat footed style of walking, while miseliness may be suspected from short, nervous and anxious footsteps.

Turned in toes generally characterize the absentminded and a stoop the studious and deeply reflective, whose thoughts are anywhere rather than with themselves.

Sly, cunning people walk with a noiseless, even and stealthy tread, resembling that of a cat. A proud person generally takes even steps, holds the figure upright and the head a little back and turns the toes well out.

A gay and volatile person trips lightly and easily, in sympathy with his or her nature. Character is shown by all sorts of oddities in gait, but for grace and elegance no civilian's walk will bear comparison with that of the man who has received military training.

No two people walk exactly alike and the student of character finds as much to interest him in the way people walk as in any peculiarity they may have of feature. Quick steps denote agitation; slow steps, either long or short, suggest a gentle or contemplative turn of mind.

In conversation with Lord Normanby a French lady once made the oft repeated assertion that her countrymen were the politest people in Europe and capped all her arguments by saying, "I love you! I love you!" "Exactly," was his lordship's prompt reply, with a diplomatic bow. "That is our politeness."

A Green and Gold Wedding.

At a recent wedding the bride adopted the somewhat hazardous color scheme of green and yellow. Palms and super chrysanthemums carried out in flowers the colors selected, and the bridesmaids' gowns were of yellow poplin, with white mul fibrous. With these gowns were worn green velvet picture hats and nodding plumes. Green and gold is an effective combination, but is something rather novel in wedding colors when it is carried through the gowns of the bridal party.

WOMEN THE WORLD OVER

The latest notable portrait painted by John S. Sargent, the American painter, who is a member of the Royal Academy, is of Miss Daisy Leiter, formerly of Chicago, and is intended for the academy of 1898. Miss Leiter is a sister of the famous beauty who was married not long ago to Hon. George Curzon.

Miss Fisher went into a magnificent Chinese home in Teluk Ayer one day,

who were classmates in a girls' school at Aix la Chapelle. The Order of the Poor Child Jesus, founded by Clara Pey, and the Society of Poor Franciscans established by Francisca Schererville, are Aix la Chapelle institutions, while the Sisters of Christian Charity, founded by Pauline von Mallinckrodt, has already 78 houses and 1,215 sisters in the United States alone.

Lady Marcus Beresford had a recent exhibition of cats at the Crystal Palace at show in London. It is said that

she has the most remarkable collection of tabbies in the world. All the cats are named and know when they are called. They are devoted to their indulgent mistress, who has a man specially to care for them.

When a man is willing to wait for his sweetheart at the entrance of a shop simply crowded with women shoppers, he proves his devotion more than by words.

The Boer's daughter will not become a domestic servant except on condition

of having her meals with the family. "If my child is not good enough for your table, she shall not live in your house," say the parents, and that is the rule governing household labor.

Miss Jeanie Worthemer of Cincinnati has invented a commercial paper which excludes the possibility of forging names or otherwise tampering with its face value. The invention has been sold to a New York firm for \$25,000.

Two young English women, Miss Grace Fairweather and Miss Ella Collins, have

recently appeared in London as professional billiard players. Miss Collins is the daughter of a well known retired expert at billiards and has a sister who promises to be even a better player than herself.

The richest princess in the world is the Crown Princess Louise Josephine of Sweden and Norway, married to the crown prince of Denmark.

Queen Victoria rules more people than ever before acknowledged the sovereignty of king, queen or empress.

\$1.00 Clearing Sale!

We have 175 prs of Ladies' Kid Shoes, lace and button, left from lines we shall discontinue this coming season. The sizes and widths are somewhat broken. These shoes we have sold at \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50 per pr. To close them out quickly we shall sell them at

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phone 146-13.

HEARING FOR KEEPER KRUM

To Be Given By Mayor Cady Tomorrow
Afternoon.

The hearing for J. H. Krum, now under
suspension from the police force, will be
held before Mayor Cady tomorrow after-
noon at 2.30 o'clock. The charges given
below show what Mr. Krum will have to
answer. They are preferred by Chief
Kendall, and Mr. Krum will be repre-
sented by C. J. Parkhurst as counsel.
Two of the charges are for allowing pris-
oners to escape, one for conduct unbecom-
ing an officer, and one for assault on a
prisoner. This latter aroused much local
interest last summer, and Mr. Savage was
preparing to prosecute the case, but
dropped it. The charges in full are as
follows:

First. For neglect of duty on April 23,
1896, in not properly securing door to the
corridor in the cell room, upstairs in said
station house, whereby John J. Lynch, a
prisoner, made his escape.

Second. For conduct unbecoming an
officer on divers occasions, and January 6,
1896, in not treating persons with proper
respect and civility who came to the sta-
tion house on business connected with
this department.

Third. For assault on one James R.
Savage on June 29, 1897, said Savage being
a prisoner arrested for drunkenness and
brought to said police station.

Fourth. For neglect of duty in not
taking proper precaution when visiting
cell-room in said police station on Sun-
day, January 30, 1898, whereby John
Hayes, a prisoner, being held under sen-
tence, made his escape.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION LABOR.

Loan to be Asked for From State to
Continue the Work.

The business of heel making at the
house of correction is proving a trouble-
some one for Sheriff Fuller again. In
spite of the fact that the business pays a
good profit, money is needed to carry it
on temporarily, which will be repaid at
the end of the year.

It is considered very probable a petition
will shortly be prepared by the county
commissioners asking the legislature for
permission to borrow \$12,000 for the pur-
pose of carrying on the work. It will be
simply in the nature of a loan and will be
repaid at the end of the year from the
receipts of the business managed by
Sheriff Fuller.

When this work was placed in charge
of the sheriff January 1 there was no
money in the hands of the county that
could be used for this purpose. The offi-
cer found himself without funds and was
forced to go ahead with nothing back of
him but the credit of the county. Not-
withstanding the county has a goodly
share of money that could be used for
this purpose it has been found that the
state will have to be petitioned for the
privilege of borrowing. The county will
not lose by the appropriation. The
Charlestown prison and Concord reform-
atory last year paid to the state over
\$100,000 more than they received in this
way.

FIREMAN BADLY INJURED.

Falls in Front of Train at Williams-
town. Arm Amputated.

A. L. Dix, a Fitchburg railroad fireman,
was dangerously injured at Williamstown
this forenoon. He was in the act of
placing a number on the headlight when
he slipped and fell from the engine to
another track and was struck by a passing
coal car. His right arm was crushed and
he was badly hurt about the head and in
other places.

He was placed in a caboose and brought
to this city. Dr. Mignault with the am-
bulance met him at the depot and he was
taken to the hospital.

He was attended at the hospital by Drs.
Mignault, Wright and Stafford, who am-
putated his right arm, and took several
stitches in the scalp wound. His condi-
tion was serious, but he is expected to re-
cover.

Offered at the Stores.

Blankets at Cully & Co.'s. Prices are
cheaper than pneumonia at any price.
A demonstrator for Van Houten's cocoa
will be at Brannan's all this week.

White House brand coffee is something
that Benson, the grocer, guarantees
strongly.

Cutting corner is making great offerings
in overcoats these days to get clean fables
for spring goods.

Pair, the repairer, presses suits and
gowns into shape at little cost.
Money savers at the Boston store this
week.

THE TRANSCRIPT is reaching readers
that it never reached before. North
Adams people are showing substantial
appreciation of a well-printed paper that
gives all the local news in attractive form.

Assault Case in Court.

The assault case against Frank Corbett
occupied most of the day in the district
court. The complaints were made by
David King and Alexander Grant, who
claim that they were struck by him at
Shaw's livery stable. The evidence of the
prosecution took all the morning, and
witnesses testified to having seen Corbett
strike Grant three times and King once.
The defense began its case this afternoon.
The case against Frank Scavo for
breaking and entering was again con-
tinued till tomorrow morning. Edward
Ellis and Frank Moran were each fined
\$5 for drunkenness.

Inspector of Boilers Appointed.

Governor Wolcott has appointed Free-
man H. Sanborn of Dedham inspector of
boilers and examiner of engineers for the
Springfield district, which includes this
city, in place of George A. Lord, resigned.
Mr. Sanborn is a thoroughly competent
man, having been an engineer on the
Boston and Providence railroad for the
last 30 years.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is
almost universal, and Hood's Sarsaparilla
exactly meets this need. Be sure to get
Hood's.

Calnan's "Tudon Club" cigar, 5c.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

House of Theodore Jordan Destroyed.
Need of a Chemical Shown.

Fire destroyed the two story frame cot-
tage of Theodore Jordan on Richview
avenue this morning. The house is almost
a total loss, but much of the furniture
was saved. No cause is known for the
origin of the fire, which started on the
back of the second floor. The loss on the
house is estimated as a little over \$1000,
and the total loss will not be over \$1500,
partly covered by insurance.

The alarm was turned in at 6
o'clock from box 7, corner of Marshall
and Main streets. The neighbor who
turned in the alarm ran directly past a
box at the west end of the cemetery, and
came over a mile farther down, causing a
delay of 10 minutes or so. The depart-
ment responded promptly, with four
horses on the hook and ladder, and the
hose sleigh. When they reached the
place the roof and back part of the second
floor were mostly gone, and it was found
impossible to save the house. The alarm
was not rung out till 7.45.

The department was badly handicapped
by the lack of water pressure, on account
of the high ground, which made it im-
possible to handle the fire properly. The
need of a chemical was seldom better
shown. Chief Byars thinks that with one
this morning the house could have been
saved with only a partial loss.

Mr. Jordan was unable to give the
cause. He said he went down stairs early,
and when he went up to the second floor
again he found the back part all in a
blaze.

SUPERIOR COURT ENTRIES.

Dr. Harder of This City Will Sue For
Billiard Cue Assault.

Monday was entry day of the civil su-
perior court, and the following cases of
local interest were entered:

Samuel Mackey, et. al. of Williamstown
sues Victor M. Noel of Williamstown for
a bill of goods valued at \$73.37.

Nettie E. Beverly of Williamstown, sues
the town of Williamstown for \$5000, for
injuries alleged to have been received on
a public highway that town, known as
Linden street.

George E. Harder of this city brings an
action of \$8000 against Joseph M. Mont-
gomery of Adams. In his declaration the
plaintiff alleges that he was violently as-
saulted by the plaintiff on January 5, 1898,
being struck by a billiard cue across the
head and being bruised and injured.

Alexander H. McKenzie sues Jonathan
Whitaker, trustee of this city, for \$500
alleged to have been loaned the defend-
ant.

Wilson Larrabee & Co. of Boston sue,
John T. Gould of this city to recover a
note of \$177.

Amril Jacob by next friend sues Wil-
liam A. Gallup et al. for \$10,000 for in-
juries alleged to have been received in
Beaver mill in this city on January 4,
1897, by carelessness and negligence of the
defendants.

George W. Hoose of Dalton sues the
Pittsfield Electric Street Railway com-
pany for \$8,000, for an alleged assault on
one of the cars of the defendants on De-
cember 24, by William Tobin and James
Brown, servants and agents of the com-
pany.

Mary A. Straight of Pittsfield sues
George A. Bidwell for \$5,000 for alleged
carelessness and negligence of defendant's
employers in burning her dwelling on
January 4. The plaintiff's motion to
amend is filed with the declaration.

Traveling Man Hurt.

F. R. Hutchinson, a drummer from
Springfield, was thrown from his sleigh
this morning while driving on Union
street, the horse taking fright and run-
ning away. Mr. Hutchinson's head
was badly cut, and his face
scratched, and he received body
bruises. He was carried into
a nearby house, where he was attended
by Dr. Dewey, who took several stitches
in the scalp wound. Mr. Hutchinson re-
turned to Springfield this afternoon.
The horse dashed down Union, through
North Church to Main, and turned into
Eagle street, where he was caught in
front of Simmons & Carpenter's by J. V.
Ashman and returned to the stable.

New Tax Apportionment.

State Tax Commissioner Endicott sent
his report to the legislature Monday
afternoon, advocating the securing of
more equal state and county taxes. The
preceding state valuation was made in
1895, the valuation then being \$2,658,934;
509; in 1898 the valuation is \$2,394,436,611;
proportion of property valuation, \$240,502-
102.

On the basis of the new valuation, ap-
portionments on the tax of \$1000 are made
for this year. The local apportionments
for 1899 and 1898 are: North Adams, 1898,
3.13, 1899, 3.47; Adams, 1898, 1.54, 1899,
1.74; Williamstown, 1898, 1.01, 1899, 1.02.

Child Took Paregoric.

Emma, the five-years-old daughter of
James E. Burdick of 45 Prospect street,
took a large dose of paregoric this after-
noon, while her parents were out of the
room. Dr. Dewey was called as soon as
her condition was discovered, and prompt
doses of emetics saved the child's life.

S. B. Dibble left today for a business
trip to Whitehall, N. Y.

BRAYTONVILLE.

The fire on Richview avenue this morn-
ing demonstrated that a fire company at
this end of the city is needed. A list of
names has been sent to Chief Byars and it
will not be delayed any longer than nec-
essary.

Miss Mabel Phelps has been ill the past
week with the grip.

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CONSCIENCE MONEY PAID.

Man Pays Williamstown Station Agent
For Four Stolen Rides.

I. B. Houghton, station agent at Wil-
liamstown, had an astonishing experience
a few evenings ago. He was sitting alone
in the ticket office when a young man
stepped up to the window and asked
how much was the fare to Petersburg
Junction, N. Y. When told that it was
31 cents he asked Mr. Houghton to step
to the window, stating that he had some-
thing to say to him. Mr. Houghton arose
and went over to the window, when the
young man said in low and confidential
tones: "I want to pay for four rides from
Petersburg Junction to this town. I took
three six years ago and one five years ago
without paying, and I want to settle the
bill now with interest." "All right, sir,"
said Mr. Houghton with a perfectly
cool exterior, although he was the
most astonished man in
Berkshire county at that moment. He
then took a slip of paper and began to
write a receipt: "Received from," he
wrote, and then inquired, "What name?"
Here the conscience-stricken stranger
hesitated and finally asked, "Is it neces-
sary to give my name?" He was told that
it was not and the receipt was made out
with "unknown person" in place of the
man's name. Mr. Houghton took \$1.24
without interest and the man took his
receipt and went away.

Of all the strange experiences he has
had in many years in the railroad busi-
ness Mr. Houghton pronounces this the
most remarkable. He had heard of con-
science money being returned to the
government and to individuals, but for a
man to come around and offer to pay for
stolen rides, both principal and interest,
in these days, when to beat a railroad is
considered legitimate and proper by
many who would be strictly honest in
almost any other transaction, was indeed
a revelation and it convinced Mr. Hough-
ton that the man's change of heart was
thoroughly genuine.

The money was sent to the station
agent at Petersburg Junction and Mr.
Houghton wrote to General Auditor J. W.
Richards informing him that the road
was \$1.24 better off than the books
showed.

F. M. T. A. Society Elections.

The F. M. T. A. society held its election
of officers and considered several im-
portant affairs at its hall on Center street
Monday evening. Next May will bring
the 30th anniversary of the society, it
having been organized May 30, 1868, and
the question of a fitting celebration of the
anniversary was brought up. It will be
decided at a future meeting. The annual
Easter Monday ball will be given Monday
evening, April 4, and the new officers
were made a committee of arrangements.
It was decided to continue the smoke
talks, which seem to benefit the society.
Rev. C. E. Burke was present and
gave an excellent address. The society
took in 15 new members. The following
officers were elected: President, W. M.
Brown; vice-president, P. F. Driscoll; re-
cording secretary, T. H. Quinn; corre-
sponding secretary, James F. Sullivan;
financial secretary, John Mullen; assis-
tant financial secretary, P. H. Mack;
treasurer, P. Keefe; sergeant-at-arms,
John Reagan; trustees, C. F. Barden, J.
A. Bradley, John Larkin, James Reagan,
T. J. Crowley, P. H. McMahon.

BLACKINTON.

The Father Mathew society will hold
the last social of the season in Temper-
ance hall Friday evening.

A case of scarlet fever is reported in
town. The house is posted and every-
thing is being done to prevent any spread
of the fever.

James Fleming, who has just finished a
three-year enlistment in the regular
army was in town Monday calling on
friends.

Ozro Carpenter took a sleighride party
consisting of seven couples to Idlewild
last evening. The party was chaperoned
by Mrs. R. E. Schouler.

The Blackinton church committee will
tender a reception to the members of the
Blackinton church choir at the resi-
dence of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Blackinton
on Wednesday evening.

The Father Mathew society held their
annual meeting and election of officers
last evening and the meeting was largely
attended and very interesting. The re-
port rendered by the trustees showing the
society to be in a very flattering condition.
The society's membership is over 50. It
was organized April 9, 1876, and during
its existence has accomplished a great
deal of good in the community. It has
members in the society who joined it at
its organization, 21 years ago. The fol-
lowing are the officers elected to serve
for the ensuing year: President, John E.
Mahoney; vice-president, Joseph Mahore;
treasurer, Michael H. O'Brien; recording
secretary, Michael J. Fleming; financial
secretary, Martin F. Ryan; sergeant-at-
arms, Albert Bressette; trustees, John H.
Mahoney, James W. Maher, James Fal-
lon, George Gomeau, M. H. O'Brien.

—Al. Lawson is said to have abandoned
his contemplated New York and New
England baseball league of which Pitts-
field and this city were proposed mem-
bers.

—The nurses at the hospital took a very
enjoyable sleighride to Williamstown
Monday evening, with a supper at Hos-
ford's afterward.

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Youth's suits,	\$2 79 to 7 90
Youth's overcoats,	\$3 79 to 7 90
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Men's all wool hose	12 1-2c worth 25
Men's suits,	\$7 90 worth 15 00
Don't forget that all wool suit at \$3 90	

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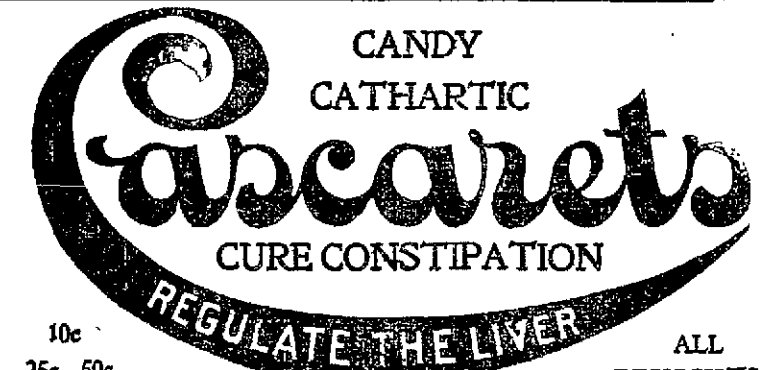
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33 lbs Prime Corn Beef	\$1 00.		

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